

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification filed herewith has replaced the previous paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" with the following paragraph on page 2, lines 4-20 of the Application as filed herewith:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. patent application No. 10/109,172, entitled *Vertebral Stabilization Assembly and Method*, filed March 28, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/327,118, entitled *Vertebral Stabilization Assembly and Method*, filed October 3, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/350,259, entitled *Vertebral Stabilization Assembly and Method Having a Modified Pedicle Screw*, filed November 2, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/331,857 entitled *Vertebral Stabilization Assembly and Method for Anterior Placement*, filed November 20, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/353,691, entitled *Vertebral Stabilization Assembly and Method Having Dual Pedicle Screws*, filed January 31, 2002, all naming Paul A. Vaughan as inventor, the entire contents of all above-referenced applications are hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes.